

**Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector  
Training Committee**

**Accomplishments and  
Status Report**

**2009**

## Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee

### Committee Members and Representations

2009

The EMS Board members appoint a representative to serve on the Fire Committee, the organizations are also listed that each member represents. **OSFA**-Ohio State Firefighters Association, **OFCA**-Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, **OAPFF**-Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters. These organizations are known as **the Ohio Fire Alliance**.

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This report is the work of the Fire Committee and the Office of Fire Service, Division of EMS

Submitted by: Phil McLean

This past year was another very busy and productive year for our committee, but productive for the advancement of the Ohio Fire Service. The committee who meets bi-monthly continues to move several projects and initiatives ahead and also take care of monthly certification concerns of our Firefighters. The coordination and cooperation with the Division of EMS staff is critical to the continued success of our current projects and past accomplishments. The Continuing Education program and re-certification has produced active numbers of Firefighters, levels of certification, and not only documentation of training, but training being conducted, that was the goal.

The committee continues to work with a unified approach on problem solving and networking with many organizations. Projects that have been completed and that are in process at this time can not be done effectively by any one organization. With the help of the Ohio Fire Academy, The Fire Marshals office, The Ohio Society of Fire Service Instructors, and The Ohio Fire Code Officials we all benefit from the expertise that comes from these organizations and our collaborative approach. This past year we have re-structured curriculum, reviewed current rules, set up many work groups and interacted with the Division staff on all projects.

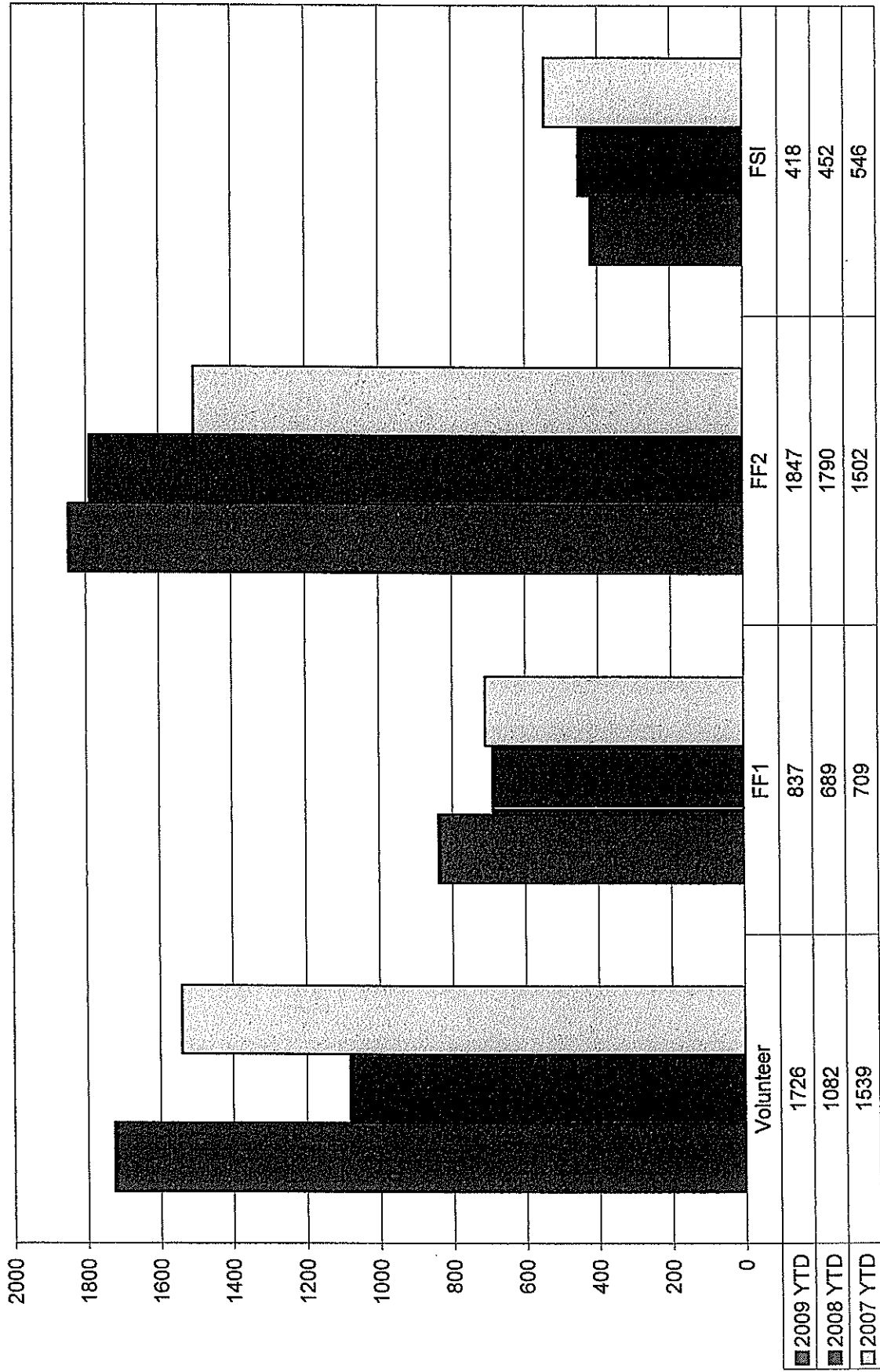
Projects in 2009 are as follows:

- NFPA 1403 Live Burn Instructor, this project that started in 2007 do to national attention to firefighters getting killed or injured during live fire training inspired us to take a proactive approach for Ohio. We have a defined project plan, have developed the foundation of the curriculum and met with the Ohio Fire Alliance, have called on all organization for assistance and will deliver this year a completed course curriculum that will be available through the Division to a chartered institution.
- Fire Hazard Inspector Class, this also started 2007 and do to a lack of time the priority for this project got shifted, with very little progress last year. We have Identified a 24 hour course, six teaching chapters that are defined, but need more detail for completion. A meeting is scheduled with the work group to get a projected completion date.
- 36 Hour Class re- structure, this project with the help of the Ohio Society of Instructors has had the curriculum re- structured, adjusted skill sheets, identified teaching time v/s practical skill time was emphasized. This re-structured class was piloted in three different areas with good results. New curriculum is to be posted on line for all future classes

- Module development to match the C-E upgrade, this project was in the talking stages of 2009 to separate and define modules within the existing curriculum of the transition class. This will allow a firefighter to go from 36 to FFI and also FFI to FF level II through the C-E process over the re-cert cycle. A work group will be assigned this year.
- Sixteen Life Safety Initiative Program, this project was kicked off with a round table discussion with Ohio Fire Organizations in August of 2009 to get ideas on how to integrate the Life Safety Initiatives in our basic fire training programs and also how to help and further promote this National Safety program in Ohio. We listened to a presentation by Steve Kimple, an Ohio representative for this program, we assigned a work group and with the help from the Division and Doug Orahod the Division sponsored a seminar for all Charters on this topic. Currently we have four regional train the trainers scheduled with the help of the Division and the Ohio advocates. We are also hoping to get this training information on the Division web site.
- The Division and our committee was approached by Pro-Board, which is a Nationally Accreditation Fire organization. We are looking at the Ohio based Fire training skill sheets and matching them to this accreditation. A current Chartered institution will have an option to offer this accreditation if they wish.
- The current C-E tracking system for Fire is working well many new Fire departments are taking advantage of this option for assisting with record keeping.
- An ongoing project that started with Marshal Bell, and the Ohio Board of regions to provide college credit for Fire certification continues to move. At present college credit can be given for the 36 hour class, the 136 hour FF I class, and the 256 hour I & II class. The Instructors class and the Inspectors class are in process for credit, with more work to be done. This work will allow for future expansion with Fire Officer I & II credit. The group is also looking at the standardization of the Academic Fire Curriculum that is being taught around the state.
- EMS and Fire are moving to one certification card that was introduced in House Bill # 1,. This should go into effect January 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.
- The committee will be developing a long range plan in conjunction with the Ohio Fire Alliance as to future training certifications and requirements in Ohio.
- Members of the committee continue to travel around the state to deliver updates and keep the Fire Service informed on all current issues.

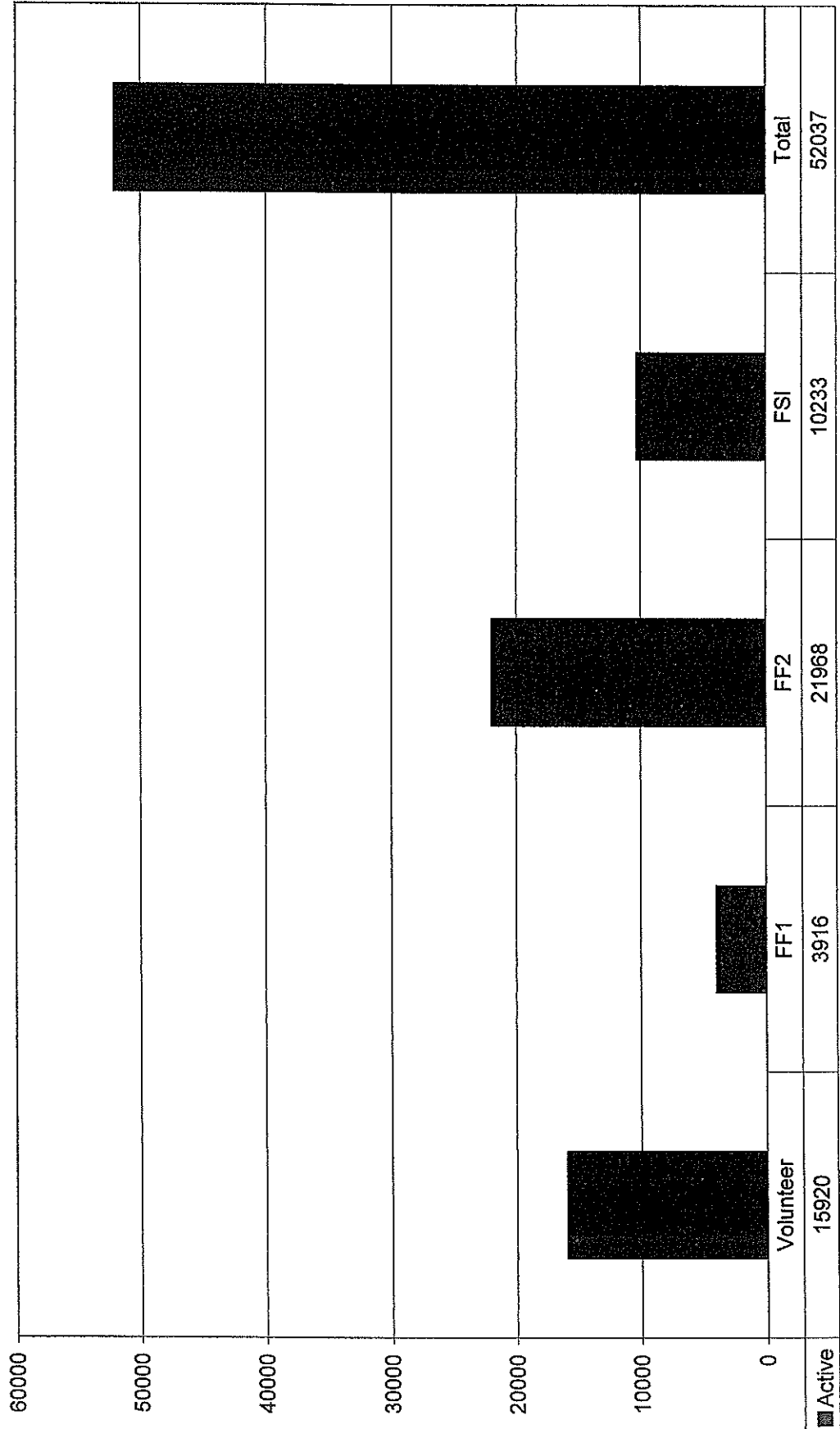
Enclosed are charts indicating levels of certification and totals by Counties.

2009 Initial Certification YTD



■ 2009 YTD ■ 2008 YTD □ 2007 YTD

### 2009 Active Fire Certification



■ Active

Continued - Firefighter by County

County	Level I Firefighter	Level II Firefighter	Volunteer Firefighter	Total
Adams	25	32	168	225
Allen	23	156	216	395
Ashland	18	72	156	246
Ashtabula	50	228	296	574
Athens	18	54	181	253
Auglaize	25	58	215	298
Belmont	36	98	369	503
Brown	45	69	125	239
Butler	108	653	258	1,019
Carroll	6	29	206	241
Champaign	30	64	85	179
Clark	145	268	155	568
Clermont	134	397	87	618
Clinton	22	64	117	203
Columbiana	5	96	336	437
Coshocton	9	50	132	191
Crawford	4	57	211	272
Cuyahoga	56	2,314	87	2,457
Darke	89	60	222	371
Defiance	23	20	146	189
Delaware	14	516	60	590
Erie	53	155	127	335
Fairfield	58	649	76	783
Fayette	11	34	96	141
Franklin	9	1,928	67	2,004
Fulton	40	57	139	236
Gallia	19	30	145	194
Geauga	33	391	103	527
Greene	100	293	63	456
Guernsey	24	63	157	244
Hamilton	211	1,932	166	2,309
Hancock	25	78	241	344
Hardin	10	25	142	177
Harrison	5	13	233	251
Henry	29	32	302	363
Highland	16	53	107	176
Hocking	14	58	82	154
Holmes	17	54	142	213
Huron	13	72	204	289
Jackson	5	35	125	165
Jefferson	49	98	333	480
Knox	20	156	74	250
Lake	26	659	144	829
Lawrence	7	29	261	297
Licking	41	631	173	845
Logan	19	55	180	254
Lorain	55	507	241	803
Lucas	153	653	239	1,045
Madison	18	200	39	257
Mahoning	68	387	245	700
Marion	5	136	124	265
Medina	128	431	179	738
Meigs	1	6	195	202
Mercer	21	46	184	251

Certified Firefighter by County

Miami	80	186	136	402
Monroe	2	17	161	180
Montgomery	405	1,100	105	1,610
Morgan	0	9	114	123
Morrow	31	56	84	171
Muskingum	26	200	212	438
Noble	3	5	62	70
Ottawa	48	53	333	434
Paulding	18	9	128	155
Perry	24	75	141	240
Pickaway	13	196	87	296
Pike	16	44	108	168
Portage	68	320	121	509
Preble	46	44	145	235
Putnam	35	30	313	378
Richland	12	185	195	392
Ross	31	141	308	480
Sandusky	13	75	259	347
Scioto	48	119	317	484
Seneca	22	81	251	354
Shelby	26	69	226	321
Stark	58	712	386	1,156
Summit	128	1,111	82	1,321
Trumbull	56	325	354	735
Tuscarawas	70	113	218	401
Union	18	205	81	304
Van Wert	18	38	111	167
Vinton	1	10	81	92
Warren	131	400	112	643
Washington	12	55	398	465
Wayne	79	176	292	547
Williams	42	56	183	281
Wood	117	201	435	753
Wyandot	0	13	161	174
Total	3,885	21,731	15,857	41,473

## Conclusions and Goals

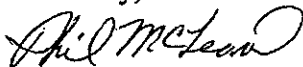
The data that is reported should reflect the passion that the committee has for the Fire Service. Collaboration between the Fire Service and the Division of EMS is critical to our continued success.

As we, The Ohio Fire Service continue to move ahead on training curriculum certifications, safety concerns for Firefighters, advancements through C-E, and many other programs we need to stay focused on a unified approach, and a common goal to reach the solution. As myself and others from the committee travel to give instruction, address concerns, and do training we also do much more than talk, we listen.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to lead and participate with the organizations within this system.

I would like to thank the Director Rucker, Doug Orahood and John Kennington and staff members at the Division of EMS for the continued support.

Sincerely,



Phil McLean  
Fire Committee Chairman